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Bigger check is hers

Nearly half of the women in New York state are their families' main breadwinners Yet despite that, persistent gender pay gap remains

For the first time in history, nearly half of the women in New York state are the main breadwinners in their families, according to a new study released yesterday.

But just because women might be bringing home the bacon, their paychecks still do not equal those of their male counterparts. Working women earn about $142 less than men each week, according to a report released by U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's office.

Nearly 42 percent of New York mothers are the primary source of household income for their families, according to the report. In New York City, that means more than 530,000 households depend on the mother's earnings.

Economists say the recession played a large role in dampening men's strength in the work force.

"The recession led to higher job losses among men, which meant that in a greater number of families, the husband was unemployed while the wife supported the family," according to the report.

One 29-year-old mother of one in Middle Village, Queens, told Metro that her family is forced to move out of New York City after her husband could not find a job.

When he had a part-time job, as well as veteran's benefits from the state, he made just slightly more than she does. But once he lost the job, she became the primary earner.

But it's still not enough.

"We don't make ends meet," she said. "We go into debt each month."

The family is moving to Utah next week.

"We looked for other apartments. But who wants to be in a one-bedroom with a 3-year-old?" she said. "It wasn't really worth it to stay.

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▶ More women than ever before are now their families' primary source of income.

Paycheck fairness

Sen. Gillibrand is pushing for Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which is expected on the Senate floor for a vote in a few weeks.

- On average, women in New York make about 14.6 percent less than men.
- "Shortchanging women doesn't just rob them of a fair paycheck," Gillibrand said. "It makes families less secure."
- The Paycheck Fairness Act would hold employers accountable and make it easier for workers to pursue back pay.
- "I don't think there's any reason that we should have that as a persistent problem," said Beverly Neufeld, of the Equal Pay Coalition NYC.

New York's female powerbrokers

1. **Helena Williams:** First female president of the Long Island Rail Road
2. **Christine Quinn:** First female City Council Speaker
3. **Janette Sadik-Khan:** Department of Transportation head

By the numbers

530K
A woman's paycheck is bigger than the man's in more than 530,000 New York City households.

$142
Women earn about $142 less than men each week in New York City.

225K
In Long Island, more than 225,000 households depend on the mother's earnings.

$147
Women earn $147 less than men on Long Island.

In the news

Cop arrested on charges of DWI

A New York City police officer was arrested yesterday for drunken driving. According to the police department, Office Ankur Joshi, 35, was arrested around 11:40 a.m. yesterday. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of the accident.
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In the news

Alleged shooter

Cops are searching for a suspect named Gerald Spears, who is wanted in connection with a shooting in Brooklyn. Police say that on Monday, at around 7:30 p.m., police found a 12-year-old boy shot in the leg, and a 34-year-old man with a graze wound on his arm. Cops arrested Kenneth Meeks, 45, at the scene, where they also found a handgun. They are still looking for Spears, 23, who fled the scene.
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Money talks: The key to happy couples

These days, it's not uncommon to find women making more than men. Marriage therapist Rachel Sussman said that money issues can affect relationships, but the key is communication.

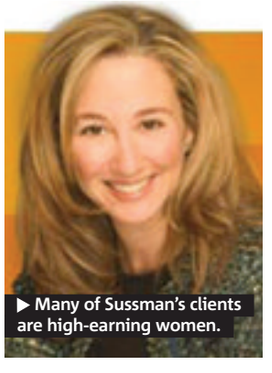
No longer, she said, does the man have to be the main breadwinner and the woman stays home to take care of the kids.

Her clients include women who work in finance, law or advertising, who rake in more than $200,000 a year. Sometimes she said, her female clients admit they have difficulty dating someone who makes less than they do. "Maybe you're dating someone who does research, or who is an artist, or someone who lost their job," she said. But she encourages women not to limit themselves by a potential partner's salary.

"If you're a woman who is a high earner ... then you need to be open to being in a relationship with someone who makes less money than you." SUSSMAN

Men face a different problem entirely, she said. "It's a very different conversation if you started off as the breadwinner and you've lost your job. That's a huge adjustment."

She added, "I think that roles are changing, and some people are very comfortable with it, and other people are like, 'This isn't quite what I imagined.'" METRO/AB



▶ Many of Sussman's clients are high-earning women.

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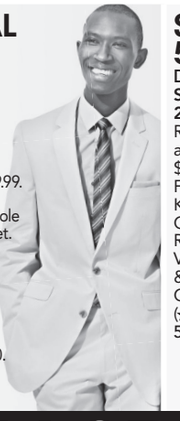

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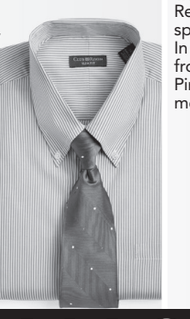

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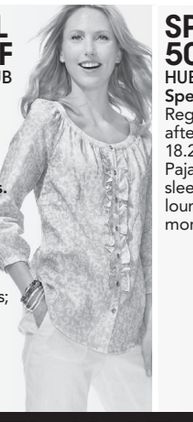

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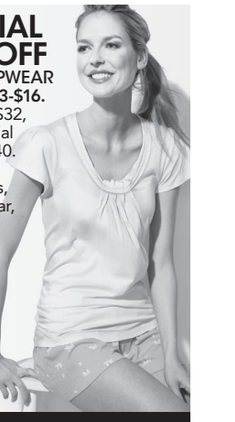

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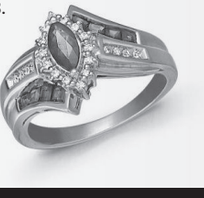

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FBI charges 10 more in massive LIRR fraud

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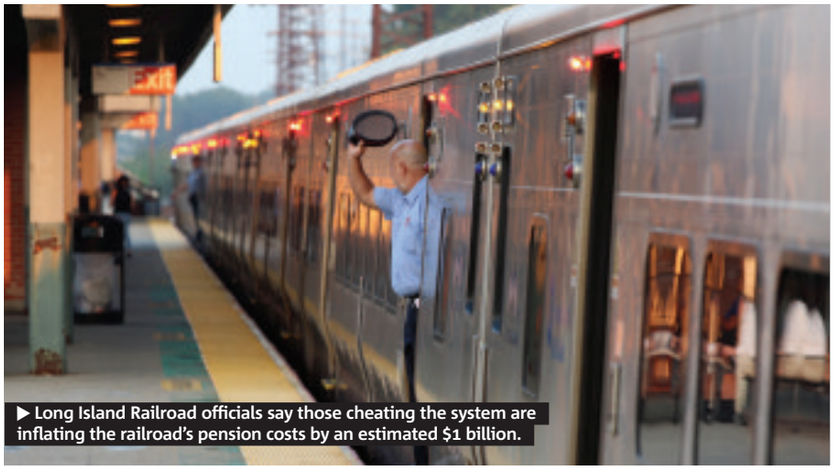

▶ Long Island Railroad officials say those cheating the system are inflating the railroad's pension costs by an estimated $1 billion.

They claimed they were too injured to work on the railroad, and instead spent their free time playing golf and tennis.

Even more Long Island Railroad workers were charged yesterday in connection with the potentially massive pension fraud scheme that is draining millions from the commuter railroad — and taxpayers' wallets.

Ten former LIRR workers were arrested, all of whom lied about being disabled so they could receive disability benefits, said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara.

All 10 people — Brian Delgiorno, Philip Pulsonetti, Gregory Bianchini Franklin Plaia, Michael Stavola, Michael Dasaro, Karl Brittell, Kevin Nugent, Gary Supper and Thomas Delalla — are LIRR retirees. Six of the men were arrested yesterday morning on Long Island, and one was arrested in Florida.

Quoted

"The LIRR is a commuter railroad, not a gravy train."
U.S. ATTORNEY PREET BAHARA

The retirees join 11 others, also arrested, who claimed they had been injured while working on the job, and got to collect an early disability, some receiving more than $100,000 a year. But they were then spotted later playing golf and tennis. One of the retirees even biked a 400-mile race after he claimed he was in too much pain to work.

Two doctors were also charged, as prosecutors allege they knowingly falsely diagnosed the LIRR workers as disabled as part of the scheme. Long Island orthopedist Peter Ajemian is accused of helping more than 700 LIRR workers collect disability benefits. His office manager was also arrested. Another Long Island orthopedist, Peter Lesniewski, is accused of helping more than 200 LIRR employees qualify for benefits. LIRR employees were allowed to choose their own doctors for a diagnosis, and even joked the system was so easy to trick they dubbed it "disability by appointment."

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Retire early like a king at the LIRR

NEW YORK. The LIRR is the only commuter railroad in the United States that allows railroad employees to retire at the relatively young age of 50, if they have been working there for at least 20 years. But still, some workers try to take advantage of the generous system: A study by the General Accounting Office last year showed that LIRR workers received disability pensions at a rate 12 times higher than workers at any other railroad.

90%
Studies have shown that, for years, more than 90 percent of LIRR workers who requested a disability received one.

For years, more than 90 percent of LIRR workers who requested a disability received one. Between 2004 and 2008, 870 LIRR workers between ages 50 and 55 were granted a disability pension. **METRO/CB**

Asking those guilty to 'fess up

NEW YORK. Authorities say the 21 people so far arrested are only the tip of the iceberg in the scheme, and suspect there are dozens of other workers who are similarly ripping off the LIRR.

The widening of the fraud caused officials to try and take action. Bharara and LIRR president Helena Williams announced they are asking former LIRR workers who pulled the same stunt to voluntarily come forward. In return, the U.S. attorney's office will agree not to criminally prosecute or file a civil suit against them. **METRO/CB**

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Man survives suicide attempt over Niagara Falls

Less than a month before a professional high-wire performer will walk a tight rope high above Niagara Falls, a man miraculously survived a plunge over the cascading natural wonder in a failed suicide attempt on Monday.

According to reports, emergency workers rescued the man from waist-deep water down the river from the falls.

The rescue came after he climbed over a railing near the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, jumped into the water and was swept away and over the falls.

A current dragged him to shore after the 180-foot drop. Officials said the man likely deliberately jumped into the water in an attempt to take his own life.

The man suffered gashes to his head, broken ribs and a collapsed lung.

2,780

Niagara Falls has frequently been the site of suicides throughout history, with a reported 2,780 people committing suicide at the falls between 1856 and 1995.

He is only the third person in history to survive a plunge over Niagara Falls without any safety equipment or other devices, like a barrel, attached.

Niagara is also a popular attraction for daredevils hoping to defy the odds.

High-wire performer Nik Wallenda will be the latest person to perform a stunt at the falls, when he walks a tight rope above them on June 15.

Wallenda, 33, is a seventh-generation member of the famed "Flying Wallendas" family of circus performers. He plans to cross a 2-inch cable suspended 1,800 feet across Niagara Falls gorge. He will be the first performance artist to attempt the tight rope feat between the United States and Canada in more than 100 years.

However, his stunt will have a safety net, or, rather, a harness — ABC network, a financial backer of the tight-rope walk, reportedly demanded that Wallenda wear a harness for the televised event.

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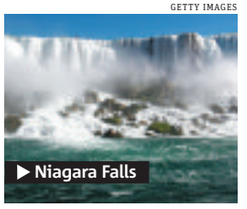

Wallenda is only the most recent in a long line of daredevil stunts at the falls.

- **In 1901,** Annie Taylor was the first person to go over the falls in a barrel and survive. She was inside an airtight wooden barrel.
- **In 1930,** a Greek waiter suffocated to death after his barrel was trapped behind the falls for more than 14 hours.
- **In 1985,** a bartender from Rhode Island survived his trip over the falls wrapped in inner tubes. He was later fined more than $5,000 for the stunt.
- **In 1995,** a man rode a jetski over Horseshoe Falls wearing a parachute; the chute did not open and his body was never recovered.

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Museum. Opening

▶ The exhibit, at Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street, runs through Oct. 21.

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Wall St. and beyond: Learn New York's long history as a money-making capital

New York City has been a financial epicenter long before Goldman Sachs came to town, as a new exhibit that opened yesterday at the Museum of the City of New York explains. The exhibit, "Capital of Capital: New York's Banks and the Creation of a Global Economy," follows the history of the city's banks and financial institutions, from the founding of the Bank of New York by Alexander Hamilton in 1784 to present day. The exhibition features rare historical objects, images, architectural renderings and advertisements. METRO/CB

'Brake' the bank for first $1M parking spot

New York City's first $1 million parking spot has hit the market.

The slab of concrete is about 12 feet wide, 23 feet long and 15 feet high. And, at that price, the parking spot costs six times more than the national average cost of a single-family home.

The spot is located inside a private garage on East 11th Street, in a building that is being partly converted into luxury condos, according to the New York Post.

The spot raises the question: In a city where parking is so limited, can you actually sell a parking spot?

It depends on the deed, actually.

Consider the parking spots in complexes or condos. Most of the time, those spots are attached to a specific unit — you own the unit, you own the spot. Depending on the deed and contract, an owner may not be able to sell the spot. Many condos prohibit owners from selling a parking spot separately from the unit for safety reasons.

But in this case, instead of giving each unit a spot, the developers are selling it with a separate deed and contract. The parking spot will have its own deed, and be charged maintenance fees, too — just as any condo would.

This type of parking spot is a separate piece of property. It's very likely that it can be sold to a third party who does not live in the building.

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▶ Expensive parking just got a whole new meaning.

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Flight lands after woman's 'suspicious behavior'

WASHINGTON. A US Airways flight from Paris to Charlotte, N.C., was diverted to an airport in Maine where it landed safely after reports of a passenger showing "suspicious behavior," U.S. officials said yesterday.

Two fighter jets were scrambled in response to the incident on US Airways Flight 787, which landed safely in Bangor, Maine.

House Homeland Security Chairman Peter King said a female passenger, who was a French citizen born in Cameroon, handed a note to a flight attendant saying she had a surgically implanted device.

"Doctors on the flight checked her out and did not see any sign of recent scars," King said. **REUTERS**

Space. History

▶ NASA is counting on companies like SpaceX to take over the task of flying cargo — and eventually astronauts — to the space station, which orbits about 240 miles above Earth.

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Rocket lifts off for space station trial run

An unmanned rocket owned by privately held Space Exploration Technologies blasted off yesterday for a mission designed to be the first commercial flight to the International Space Station. The Falcon 9 rocket lifted off at 3:44 a.m. from a refurbished launch pad just south of where NASA launched its now-retired space shuttles. Less than 10 minutes later, the rocket delivered its cargo — a Dragon capsule with 1,200 pounds of supplies — into orbit. REUTERS

Facebook trails off, regulators call for review

Facebook's shares fell sharply again yesterday and two top U.S. financial regulators called for a review of the circumstances surrounding its troubled initial public offering last week.

The separate calls for review, by Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro and FINRA Chairman Rick Ketchum, added pressure on the company, its underwriters and the Nasdaq, all of which have taken blame for the stock's harried opening and subsequent sharp decline.

After Friday's nearly flat close and Monday's 11 percent plunge, Facebook shares were down 5.9 percent at $32.01 in midafternoon trading. At that price the company has shed more than $16 billion in market capitalization from its $38-per-share offering price last week.

Volume was again heavy, with 74 million shares changing hands. That followed turnover of 168 million shares Monday and 581 million on IPO day.

With Facebook shares all but impossible to sell short, investors have sought out almost any related vehicle to bet against the social network. Over the past three trading days, prices plunged on two closed-end funds that owned pre-IPO shares. Firsthand Technology Value Fund and GSV Capital Corp. both dropped more than 25 percent even though their Facebook holdings make up only a small fraction of assets. **REUTERS**

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Bankers' beneficiaries back their paymasters

▶ Cory Booker, left, stood with President Obama at least as far back as 2009, when the two campaigned with Sen. Loretta Weinberg and former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine — another finance bigwig, having presided over Goldman Sachs and, more recently, bankrupted MF Global.

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It can be hard to tell who's winning the Bain Capital debate that's been roiling political circles this week. Oh sure, diehard partisans will insist their message is getting across and that their opponents are flailing, but we certainly needn't believe them. Yet there is a winner, and that winner is us.

It started on Sunday talk show "Meet the Press" when Newark, N.J., Mayor Cory Booker, a Democrat, criticized an ad put out by President Obama's re-election campaign. Booker judged the attack ad — which contrasted Mitt Romney's touted business experience with the lives destroyed in the wake of his company's highly profitable machinations — as "nauseating," explaining that it made him "very uncomfortable."

The fallout began immediately. Republicans pounced on the quotes, while Booker quickly walked them back, clarifying — and then re-clarifying — that he in fact stands with Obama 100 percent.

But the damage — or rather, opportunity — had been done. With no haste, another pair of Democrats, former Tennessee pol Harold Ford Jr. and Obama's former "auto czar" Steve Rattner, jumped aboard the Free Private Equity bandwagon, and Team Romney spun it all as an Obama attack on freedom.

Yet it's not too difficult to suss out what is going on here. Ford is currently a managing director for Morgan Stanley. Rattner co-founded a private equity firm and worked for Lehman Brothers, Morgan Stanley and others. Booker is a sitting politician whose job is directly linked to the financial sector: Bain and other similar firms contributed hundreds of thousands to his last election.

"I'm not about to sit here and indict private equity," Booker said. No, he's not, but not due to any strong moral convictions. Booker and his compatriots have a clear conflict of interest here; in Washington as elsewhere, you don't bite the hand that feeds you.

But nor must we eat from the hand that bites us. (Pardon the strained metaphor.) The financial industry bankrolls the entire political complex, making it practically impossible to oversee. Any time the conversation gets shifted to the real levers of power, and the arms that pull them, is a moment when we can honestly discuss the problems before us.

Is Romney gaining the upper hand? Did Obama score points? Who knows? Let's linger on this accidental peek into the smoke-filled room.

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Priorities USA, the super PAC supporting President Obama's re-election campaign, released an ad of its own, featuring quotes from Republicans attacking Romney's Bain record:

- "It's the ultimate insult when Mitt Romney comes to South Carolina and tells you he feels your pain — because he caused it. ... There is something inherently wrong when getting rich off failure and sticking it to someone else is how you do your business." **Rick Perry**
- **"[They] loot companies, leave behind broken families, broken towns."** **NEWT GINGRICH**
- "Governor Romney has claimed to have created over 100,000 jobs at Bain, and people are wanting to know: Is there proof of that claim? ... And that's fair, that's not negative campaigning." **Sarah Palin**
- **"Governor Romney enjoys firing people."** **JON HUNTSMAN**
- "While Mitt Romney was at Bain Capital, almost one out of every four companies they were involved with went bankrupt ..." **John Brabender**

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Millennials are the new poverty class

Does America have a new poverty class that leans closer to Charles Dickens than it does to Charles Darwin?

OK, maybe "survival of the fittest" doesn't have much to do with it, or at least it isn't the most compelling reason that younger Americans have fallen into the poverty class. After all, the "bad luck" generation hit their early 20s in the teeth of an economic gale — which hasn't really abated for them.

But the data doesn't lie, and it does support the notion that younger U.S. adults are sinking into poverty.

Right now, the U.S. unemployment rate for the age 20-24 demographic stands at 13.5 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, compared to 8.1 percent for the general population.

51% Those making less than $25,000 in annual income who reported using prepaid debit cards during the past year.

Besides the larger realization among Millennials — and many economists — that between automation and outsourcing, good job opportunities are scarce, younger adults are moving back into their parents' houses because they're broke.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 5.9 million young adults between the ages of 25 and 34 lived with their parents by 2011, up from 4.7 million in 2008. The agency also says that 45 percent of those "double-uppers" generate incomes that are below the poverty lines. **MAINSTREET.COM**

STOCKBYTE

▶ More Millennials are moving back in with mom and dad.

Catholic order head admits hiding scandal

ROME. The leader of the Legionaries of Christ admitted yesterday he knew for years the scandal-plagued Roman Catholic order's most famous priest had fathered a child but still allowed the popular cleric to preach about morality.

The order, still reeling from revelations that its founder was a sex abuser and drug addict with two secret families, suffered another major blow last week when it admitted that Father Thomas Williams, an American based in Rome, also had led a double life.

But the question that had been left hanging after the first admission was how long Williams' superiors knew.

In a letter to members published on the order's website, the order's leader, Father Alvaro Corcuera, said he found out about Williams's child "early in my new assignment" as director-general, which began in 2005. **REUTERS**

1940 census data released for first time

NEW YORK. Actress Ginger Rogers won an Oscar, McDonald's opened its first restaurant, there were only 48 U.S. states, and the average annual salary was $1,299.

The year was 1940. Actor Al Pacino was an infant. James and Mary were the most popular baby names, and the 132 million people living in the United States took part in a national census that was released last month by the National Archives and Record Administration after a 72-year embargo required by law.

Unlike earlier censuses, which were released on microfilm, the 1940 census is now available online. **REUTERS**

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Sunrise turns peak into a fiery beacon

It looks like Photoshop has bedazzled this humble mountain with a shimmering orange glow. But in truth, this vibrant color is all natural, claims one intrepid photographer. Harry Lichtman captured this scene at Glacier National Park in Montana, the moment the peak was bathed in sunrise light. MWN

Hit or miss

The photographer said:

"That morning started out stormy and cloudy, which can be magical or a real dud. It can be hit or miss, which is why a photographer must make the effort to be at a location and ready. I kept looking behind me, checking to see if there was a hole ... the sun might break through. In the end, this is what makes the shot unique since the peak stands out from the rest of the landscape."

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Edible signs tell you to it's time to stop eating

Obesity has become a more serious problem than smoking in the U.S., affecting 35 percent of adults and costing hundreds of billions of dollars. Researchers from Cornell University may have found a colorful solution to overeating.

An experiment conducted on 98 college students found that people ate less when they were confronted by edible "stop signs." The research team inserted chips that had been dyed red at regular intervals of five to seven into a regular tube. On average, these students ate 52 percent less than those eating from normal tubes, researchers claimed.

"We find they provide an interruption, they say 'am I really that hungry?'" lead researcher and author of "Mindless Eating" Brian Walsink told Metro. "The people didn't know what the red chips meant but almost all of them ate one or two past it and then stopped."

Walsink attributes the findings to a disruption of the widespread "auto-eater" syndrome. "We are almost all mindless eaters and even the most controlled person is not aware of how food influences them," he said. Walsink is also the inventor of 100 calorie pack guides on food packaging, but believes his newest invention is at least twice as effective at reducing consumption.

Corroboration

While Walsink denies that the color red played a role, research from doctoral psychologists Oliver Genschow and Leonie Reutner this year found that "The presence of the color red reduces snack food and soft drink intake." In their study, subjects ate and drank significantly less from red containers than other colors.

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News in pictures: Joplin, one year later

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

1 A wall is raised on a Habitat for Humanity house being built to replace one that was destroyed one year ago yesterday after the town was hit by a catastrophic tornado on May 22, 2011 in Joplin, Mo.

2 Dawna Middleton and Bill Cook share a moment together during a prayer service in front of the iron cross that is all that remains of St. Mary's church.

3 The EF-5 tornado devastated the town, leaving behind a path of destruction. There were 161 deaths and hundreds of injuries, but one year later there are signs that the town is beginning to recover.

Scientists deploy genetics in their search for bigfoot

LONDON. Scientists are turning to genetic testing to see if they can prove the existence of the elusive hairy humanoid known across the world as bigfoot, yeti and sasquatch.

A joint project between Oxford University and Switzerland's Lausanne Museum of Zoology will examine organic remains that some say belong to the creature that has been spotted in remote areas for decades.

"It's an area that any serious academic ventures into with a deal of trepidation ...

"About 2 to 4 percent of the DNA of each individual European is Neanderthal." SKYKES

It's full of eccentric and downright misleading reports," said Bryan Sykes at Oxford's Wolfson College.

But the team would take a systematic approach and use the latest advances in genetic testing, he added.

REUTERS

Bain record is fair game

WASHINGTON. A top supporter of Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney acknowledged yesterday that the candidate's business record with Bain Capital is fair game in the battle for the White House, but only if seen as a whole.

Former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, a Romney adviser, accused President Barack Obama's campaign of cherry-picking by running ads that only focus on Bain investments that were unsuccessful. REUTERS

Iran nuke deal may be near

AMMAN. Global powers will present Iran with a detailed proposal including confidence-building measures when the two sides meet in Baghdad today for talks on Tehran's nuclear program, a senior Western official said yesterday. Officials voiced caution heading into today's meeting, but said the Western-led coalition was ready to make an offer on a way forward if Iran showed willingness to curb its nuclear program in a transparent way. REUTERS

THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Mendes, Gosling as boring as us

As you may know, **Ryan Gosling** and **Eva Mendes** have been holding hands, going on coffee runs and otherwise surfacing every Sunday afternoon looking adorable together.

But it now seems that last month's breakup rumors might not have been purely the work of jealous gossip columnists. After accompanying Gosling to Thailand for a film shoot and playing house, Mendes wants to make it official and share a Netflix account, according to Us Weekly.

"He says he wants to slow down and not live with her yet," a questionable friend tells the magazine, adding that Gosling is growing distant while Mendes is learning to cook. "But he doesn't want to lose her."

We get that these two are merely humans under their impossibly beautiful facades, but would it kill them to add a little glamour for our viewing pleasure? We can watch this scenario play out in a Target parking lot.

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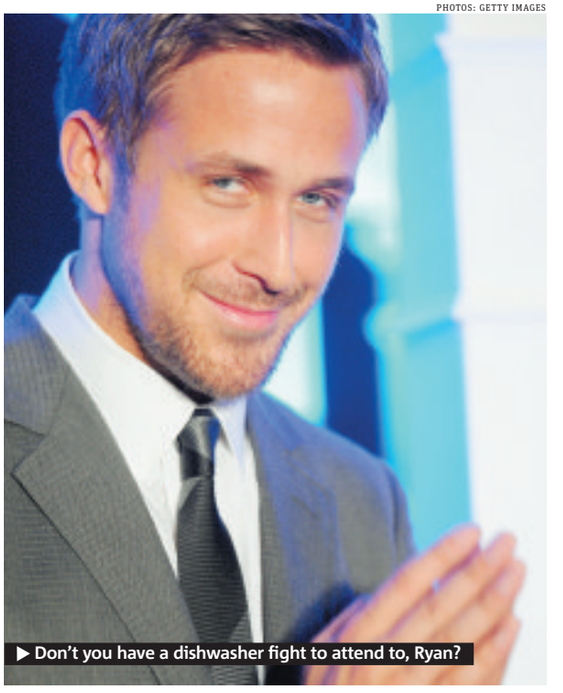


▶ Don't you have a dishwasher fight to attend to, Ryan?

Why, Internet?

The Internet's a strange, dark, little marketplace, but even we weren't ready for this: A mystery bidder paid $18,000 for a pair of underwear once worn by **Queen Elizabeth**. The royal undies were placed on eBay by the estate of the late **Joseph de Bicske Dobronyi**, a sculptor who claimed Her Majesty left them on a private plane.

We have so many questions — and yet, we're pretty sure we don't want any answers.

Will Smith has his eye on the White House

In an interview with the BBC, **Will Smith** says he'd not only like to play **Barack Obama**, but he's pretty sure the part is his someday. "It's about the ears! You know, people see the ears, and Barack and I both have the ears," he says. "So I'm the most natural choice."

We're on board — but only if he can work in an encore of **Bill Pullman**'s epic "Independence Day" speech.

Nothing bronze can stay

Mama-to-be **Snooki** won't be crashing in the "Jersey Shore" house this summer, reports TMZ. Instead, she'll rent a peaceful private pad nearby for the filming of Season 6, leaving recently rehabbed **The Situation** on his own with the boozy roommates.

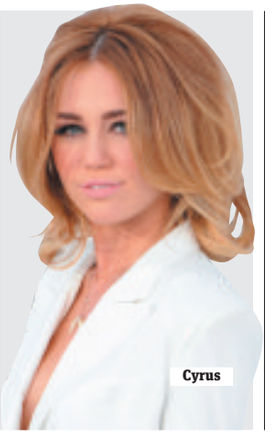
We'll give the show one more shot, but as soon as **Ronnie** skips the club to watch "House" reruns, we're out.

Snooki

Talking points

Cyrus wants to talk about sex

Nineteen-year-old former Disney star **Miley Cyrus** thinks frank discussions about sex shouldn't be off-limits for kids. "Girls who base how much they're worth on the sexual favors they can do for somebody, that makes me really sad, because sex is actually really beautiful," she says during an interview for "The Conversation with Amanda de Cadenet" this week. "It's ignorant to not talk to your kids about it or make it seem like it's not as cool or magical as it actually is."



Cyrus

Katy Perry single again

Katy Perry's brief romance with Florence and the Machine guitarist **Robert Ackroyd** is over, according to Us Weekly. "It wasn't that serious," a source says. "It's not a nasty thing, and they are still talking, but Katy told him to do his thing and they'll talk soon." Perry and Ackroyd started dating about a month ago, and were first spotted together at the Coachella music festival.

No resting on royal wedding night

Prince William admits he didn't get much rest the night before his wedding last year. "[The crowds] were singing and cheering all night long, so the excitement of that, the nervousness of me and everyone singing — I slept for about half an hour," William says in an interview with ITV for a documentary about his grandmother, the **Queen**. And as for his destiny of eventually taking the throne as King of England, he admits he's resigned to his fate. "There's not much wiggle room left for me to try and find my own path, but I will do. It's just a matter of learning what's gone before me," William says.

Everyone suing in Travolta suits

The **John Travolta** sexual assault allegations are taking a strange turn, with lawyers on the side of the accusers now fighting with each other. **Okorie Okorocha**, the lawyer who originally represented the first John Does to accuse Travolta of unwanted sexual advances, is now suing **Gloria Allred**, claiming she is stealing his clients, according to Hollyscoop.

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The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Seth MacFarlane has motion sickness, Nicole Richie is keeping it together, Kirstie Alley is up early and Alec Baldwin finds Cannes a bit noisy.

@SethMacFarlane
Dear Hollywood: It's time to retire the "found footage" movie genre and start holding the camera steady again. I'm getting queasy.

@nicolerichie
I don't cry when I get my bangs trimmed, so I'm pretty sure I don't need therapy anymore

@kirstiealley
PS..since when do FedX guys come at 6:45 AM???

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Some of these restaurants are really just clubs that serve food...

Richie

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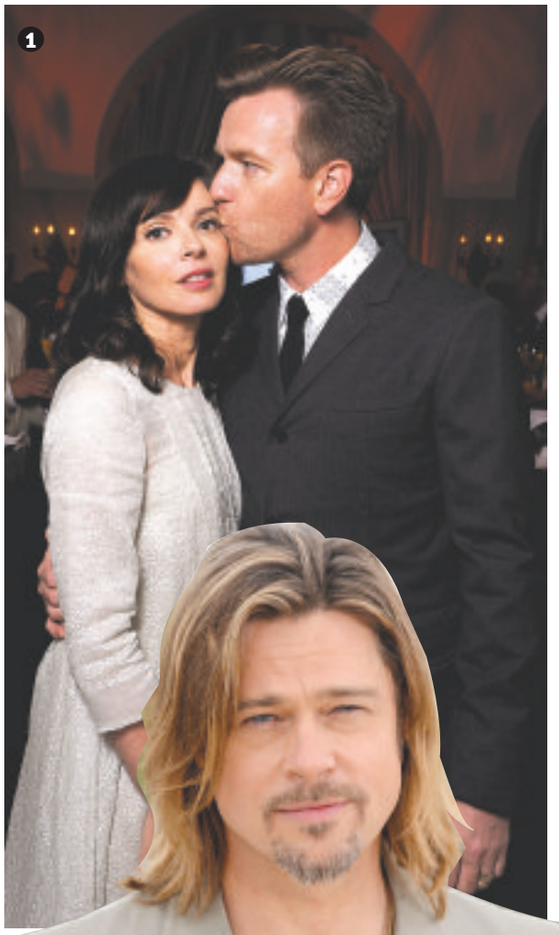

Today in parties we'd like an invite to

1: Sneak attack kiss! **Ewan McGregor** and wife **Eve Mavrakis** stopped by the superswank Filmmakers Dinner at the Cannes Film Festival on Monday.

2: A fresh-off-the-beach **Gerard Butler** was also at the Filmmakers Dinner.

3: Diane Kruger and boyfriend Joshua Jackson stepped out at the Cannes anniversary party. True or false: She gets to call him **Pacey** on special occasions.

4: You heard us, **Brad**: Your Cannes hair looks like a B-team **Jennifer Aniston** bob.

5: Halle Berry was promoting Revlon's "Whipped Creme" makeup in New York yesterday — but we kind of doubt she was wearing it.

6: We love the retro-hot **Nicole Richie** pulled out for the Fifi Awards in New York on Monday night.

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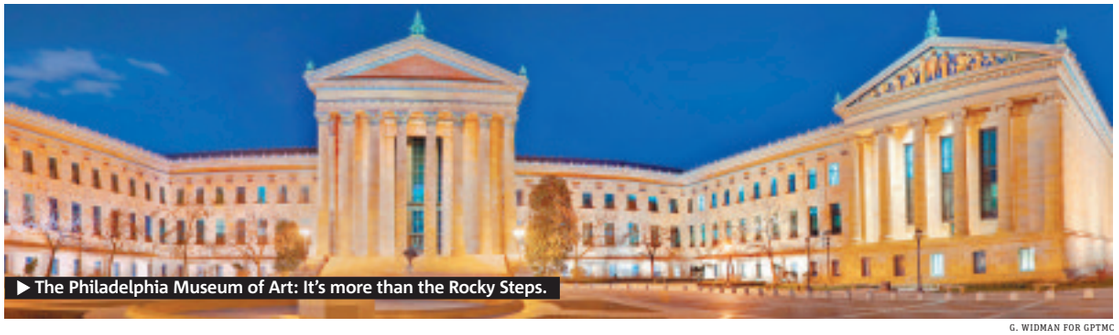
Parkway power

The opening of the Barnes Foundation focuses the art world's attention on bustling Ben Franklin Parkway

▶ Stretching from City Hall to the Art Museum, the Parkway is packed with arts and culture.

With the Barnes Foundation now open on Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway, art-lovers and casual appreciators are poised to spend this summer and beyond exploring the culturally rich stretch that spans from City Hall to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. An interactive website (www.visitphilly. com/with art) recently launched to let visitors curate their own plentiful art experiences.



▶ The Philadelphia Museum of Art: It's more than the Rocky Steps.

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Art Museum
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One of the city's most recognized buildings, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, houses Renaissance, American, Impressionist and Modern artworks. In celebration of the Barnes' opening, the Art Museum will display "Gauguin, Cezanne, Matisse: Visions of Arcadia," June 20 through Sept. 3. Outside of the museum, visitors can strike their best winning pose in front of the Rocky statue.

PAFA
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Best known for its 19th- and 20th-century American paintings, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts is also a national leader in fine arts education. PAFA is marking the opening of the Barnes Foundation with "PAFA and Dr. Barnes," featuring pieces from the permanent collection that relate to Barnes's tastes and philosophy, through July 8.

Franklin Institute
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The Fels Planetarium, the Tuttleman IMAX Theater and the Joel N. Bloom Observatory join with flight simulators, a sky bike and the iconic Giant Heart to make The Franklin Institute Science Museum a fun favorite for all ages. Through Oct. 14, The Franklin hosts "Dead Sea Scrolls: Life and Faith in Biblical Times."

Rodin Museum
www.rodinmuseum.org
In July of 2011, the Rodin Museum unveiled its redesigned outdoor sculpture garden; in July 2012, the museum will open its fully renovated interior, home to the most extensive public collection of Auguste Rodin's works outside Paris, including "The Thinker" and a bronze cast of "The Gates of Hell."

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The Barnes
www.barnesfoundation.org
To house the late Albert Barnes' treasured art holdings, architects have designed a building that duplicates Barnes' original gallery while adding classrooms and an interior garden space. The new Barnes Foundation allows the world's largest collections of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and early Modern paintings, as well as African sculptures, to be viewed as intended. Reservations are suggested.

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10 Ways to get red, white and blue in Philly this summer

G. WIDMAN FOR GPTMC

▶ The National Constitution Center celebrates the U.S. Constitution this year.

Independence Hall
www.nps.gov/inde
Here, the Declaration of Independence was signed and the U.S. Constitution was adopted.

National Constitution Center
www.constitutioncenter.org
Leading the 225th anniversary celebration of the U.S. Constitution, the Center is hosting "From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen" through September.

National Museum of American Jewish History
www.nmajh.org
This museum marks the trials and triumphs of Jews through every phase of U.S. history.

J. FUSCO FOR GPTMC

▶ The Liberty Bell rings true today.

Liberty Bell Center

www.nps.gov/inde
This is home to the famous cracked bell that was a symbol of freedom for abolitionists.

The President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation
www.phila.gov/presidentshouse
View structural fragments of the home where Presidents Washington and Adams lived during their terms and where nine enslaved people served the first president.

Betsy Ross House
www.betsyrosshouse.org
The former home of America's most famous flag-maker is open to the public.

Liberty 360
www.historicphiladelphia.org
This 3-D show, narrated by Benjamin Franklin, explores American symbols of freedom.

The African American Museum in Philadelphia
www.aampmuseum.org
Taking a fresh and bold look at the stories of African-Americans through the innovative use of technology, photographs, videos and artifacts.

Christ Church and Burial Ground
www.christchurchphila.org
This is the former house of worship for George Washington, Betsy Ross and Benjamin Franklin and the final resting place of Franklin and his wife.

Wawa Welcome America!
www.welcomeamerica.com
Celebrating the nation's birthday in its birthplace, this citywide party (June 25-July 4) includes free concerts, fireworks shows, an ice cream festival and much more festive fun.

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Food trucks fuel Philly

Philadelphia's famous moveable feasts include global grub, fancy faves, destination carts and more

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▶ Popular Night Markets gather the Philly food truck scene's MVPs for a convenient street-food feast.

A city reveals itself through its street food, and Philadelphia has always had a bountiful spread of on-the-fly options. Locals and visitors can taste food truck fare en masse at Night Market Philadelphia, scheduled for June 28 along Washington Avenue, or at Philadelphia's second-annual Vendy Awards taking place in July. Of course, foodies can always taste the yummy creations the original way — on city streets. If you want to eat like a local, here's a look at some of Philly's must-try trucks:

The Dapper Dog
www.thedapperdog.org
The Dolce Vita (provolone, pepperoni and tomato sauce) and the Mack (macaroni and cheese) are just a couple of the hot dog-topping options at The Dapper Dog.

Lucky Old Souls
www.twitter.com/losburgertruck
A jazz radio show and a concert series were the earliest ventures for Lucky Old Souls, which has since expanded into a burger truck, emphasizing farm-to-truck goodies like grass-fed beef burgers, hand-cut fries, thick milkshakes and freshly made condiments.

Buttercream
www.buttercream philadelphia.com
From Love Park to South Philly and back again, Buttercream — helmed by "the cupcake lady" — brings cupcakes to the masses in tempting flavors like banana with Nutella buttercream and yellow cake with peanut-butter buttercream.

Guapos Tacos
www.twitter.com/guapostacos
One of the newest roving kitchens to hit Philadelphia's streets is Iron Chef Jose Garces' bottle cap-bedazzled Guapos Tacos truck. Frequenting neighborhoods like Northern Liberties and Fairmount, Guapos serves up simple Mexican fare such as guacamole with cotija cheese, along with pork, duck and vegetarian tacos.

Rival Bros
www.rivalbros.com
An espresso bar on wheels, Rival Bros' truck serves up lattes, pour-overs and drip-brewed cups in University City. It also sells fresh-roasted beans by the bag.

Denise's
Soul and Caribbean foods mix and mingle on the giant platters dished out at Denise's, a 30th Street Station landmark that specializes in jerk chicken, cornbread, mac and cheese and candied yams — all easily sopped up with slices of Wonder bread.

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In order to play in Philly, you should stay in Philly

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▶ A guest room at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, which occupies the landmark PSFS building, offers a sweeping view of the city skyline.

Make the most of your trip and spend the night
Hotel packages offering not-to-be-passed-up perks

Hotels throughout the Philadelphia region are offering packages to promote popular attractions and special exhibitions running through the spring and summer seasons. Deals to pamper out-of-towners are citywide, giving those spending the night plenty of time to explore the city.

1 Five hotels are offering a package that includes two tickets to the National Constitution Center's "From Asbury Park to the Promise Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen" through Sept. 3. Participating hotels include Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Hotel Palomar Philadelphia, Sheraton Philadelphia University City, Omni Hotel at Independence Park and Hampton Inn Philadelphia Center City.

2 Not surprisingly, the "Play and Stay" hotel package is perfect for families. Available at The Inn at Penn, Sheraton Philadelphia University City, Embassy Suites Philadelphia – Center City and Hotel Palomar Philadelphia, the package includes four free general-admission tickets for the Please Touch Museum.

3 It's the end of the world as we know it — at least at the Penn Museum, hosting "Maya 2012: Lords of Time," through early 2013. Hotel package buyers get a pair of VIP tickets to the exhibit, a free audio tour and discounts to both the museum shops and cafe. The package is available through Jan. 13, 2013, at The Inn at Penn, Sheraton Philadelphia University City, Embassy Suites Philadelphia and the Hotel Palomar Philadelphia.

4 Sesame Place's "Stay and Play Getaway Package" comes with two "Elmo Any 2-Day" tickets and offers package buyers the chance to upgrade to higher-level season passes. The package is available at more than 20 hotels through Oct. 28.

5 The popular two-night "Philly Overnight Hotel Package" is available any day of the week at more than 30 participating hotels. The package's most popular perk: free hotel parking.

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The sounds of summer

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▶ Sigur Ros are at the open-air Mann Center in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park for two evenings.

Roots Picnic

June 2 and 3
www.okayplayer.com
For the fifth consecutive year, the always-eclectic Roots Picnic lands at the Festival Pier at Penn's Landing. But this time it's bigger and better, with 20 performances spanning two days. As always, **?uestlove**, **Black Thought** and the rest of the **Legendary Roots Crew** headline the picnic, but this year they also serve as the backing band for a performance by Golden Era hip-hop innovators **De La Soul**.

▶ **MUST SEE:** Indie-rock fans will be pleased to see **St. Vincent** and **tUnE-yArDs** take the stage, and for those craving frenetic dance music, don't miss former Philadelphian **Diplo** (who performs solo and with **DJ Switch** as **Major Lazer**) and **James Murphy** of the late **LCD Soundsystem**. But the weekend truly belongs to great hip-hop, with performances by emerging local **Chill Moody**, genre-smashing Power 99 DJ (and producer of Nicki Minaj's "Stupid Hoe") **Diamond Kuts** and experimental-rap duo **Shabazz Palaces**.

Riot Fest East

July 19-21, www.riotfest.org
Last year's inaugural Riot Fest East brought classic punk bands like X, The Descendants and Philly's Dead Milkmen to Penn's Landing. And this year, Riot Fest East expands to a three-day festival taking place at both the Festival Pier and the TLA on South Street.

▶ ?uestlove and the Roots are back for two days this year.

▶ **MUST SEE:** Only the opening night has been announced so far, but it promises to be a wild one. Legendary Swedish punks **Refused** headline, followed by Midwest emo band **The Promise Ring**. Also on the bill is **OFF!**, the thrashing new punk quartet led by **Keith Morris**, who is a former member of Black Flag and the Circle Jerks. But the highlight of the first night will be the relatively unknown local band **+HIRS+**, who specialize in packing 30 second songs with unbelievable amounts of riot.

XPoNential Festival

July 20-22, www.xpn.org
Local Philly radio station WXPN's annual fest features more than 20 bands in three days at Wiggins Park on the Camden waterfront.

▶ **MUST SEE:** The lineup includes some exceptional bands: sometimes-experimental rockers **Wilco**, early '90s folk-rock stalwarts the **Counting Crows**, the hard-partying **The Hold Steady**, Canadian singer-songwriter **Kathleen Edwards** and the new band led by Sonic Youth guitarist **Lee Ranaldo**. But the local performers are the real highlights this year. Don't miss longtime West Philly favorites **Dr. Dog**, the jovial pop of **Good Old War** and the hard-traveling, pedal-to-the-metal rock 'n' roll of the **War On Drugs**.

Philadelphia Folk Festival

August 17-19, www.pfs.org
This longest continuously-running festival of its kind celebrates its 51st anniversary this year at Old Pool Farm in Upper Salford Township.

▶ **MUST SEE:** Roots-rock veterans **Little Feat** headline this year, with legendary songwriter and Grammy-nominee **John Hiatt** hot on their heels. First Lady Of Rockabilly **Wanda Jackson**, who made an immaculate comeback last year with the help of producer Jack White (White Stripes) on her album "The Party Ain't Over," brings her raucous twang down to the farm.

Summer at the Mann

www.manncenter.org
The Mann Center returns with its excellent summer concert series. **The Philadelphia Orchestra** takes over for three nights (July 19-21), and the **Pittsburg Symphony** performs music from the classic video game "The Legend Of Zelda" on July 25.

▶ **MUST SEE:** On June 23, **Jill Scott** hosts her Summer Block Party, which includes a performance by West Philly hero and Will Smith collaborator **DJ Jazzy Jeff**. The centerpiece of the Mann's summer series is two consecutive nights (July 29 and 30) with the ethereal Icelandic pop ensemble **Sigur Ros**.

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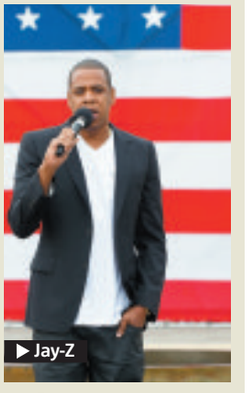

▶ Jay-Z

Labor Day weekend: Made in America festival

Jay-Z's gigantic Labor Day weekend party on the Ben Franklin Parkway is gearing up to be the can't-miss event of the summer. On Sept. 1 and 2, nearly 30 artists will descend on Philadelphia for the Budweiser Made in America festival. "Everybody knows my love affair with Philly from the great artists I've signed from here," Jay-Z said at a press conference on the art museum steps. "It's going to be a great day in Philly."

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▶ Tupper

Is David Clarke really dead on ABC's 'Revenge'? Star James Tupper has the answers

America's guilty pleasure nighttime soap, "Revenge," wraps its first season tonight at 10 on ABC. Fans of the show have been hit with twists and turns since its September premiere, so we enlisted star James Tupper, who plays the (supposedly) murdered David Clarke on the series, for some clarity as to what's really going on in this Hamptons murder mystery.

What can you tell us about tonight's finale?

[Creator Mike Kelley] is amazing because he's really an artist. What he's managed to figure out is this incredible, intricate, detailed story where every week it seems that every single person is in peril. [Laughs.] It's fun for us because we crack open a new script and at the end of a reading, everybody's like, "Oh, my God, I'm going to jail?" "This person's dead?" He's great at surprising people constantly.

How much do you know about what's going to happen in future episodes?

I'm following it like everybody else. We get it probably six weeks before you guys and we just read it then make it. But I have a general idea where it's going. At the front of every script there's a big confidentiality agreement that we all sign. So I'm not gonna tell you, but I will tell you that it's alarming. He's not locked into having all the same characters.

Is your character really dead?

My God, I have to tell you: I was pushing a stroller with my 3-year-old in it, and a woman yelled at me from across the street, like, "You're not dead, are you?" It's the question I get asked the most often and I get asked everywhere. It's fine, I love it. I love how invested people are in it — it's awesome. You know, as far as I know, I think I'm dead so far.

The rumor is that star Emily VanCamp is dating her co-star, Josh Bowman, who plays Daniel.

I heard that rumor. I can't confirm or deny it. I really don't know, actually. I mean, they get along great on set. They're discreet.

Good to be guilty

How do you feel about the show being people's guilty pleasure?

▶ When I first started getting interviewed about the show, they were like, "I'm calling it my guilty pleasure." I realized that it's so fun to be that dramatic, and allow yourself to go there that people feel guilty. [Laughs.] I think "Revenge" is a lot of fun wrapped up in this sinister, pretty serious world where lots of things are at stake.

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TV watch list

▶ "Idol" ends tonight.

MICHAEL BECKER / FOX.

'American Idol'

REALITY. Can teen sensation Jessica Sanchez become the first gal to win "American Idol" since Jordin Sparks in 2007? Or will Dave Matthews doppelganger Phillip Phillips strum his way to victory (and a lifetime on the summer festival circuit)? The votes are tallied and the Season 11 champ is revealed tonight. **Season finale, 8 p.m., Fox**

'The Middle'

COMEDY. The Hecks are caught off guard when they receive an invitation to Mike's brother's (returning guest star Norm Macdonald) wedding. They're even more surprised when they realize the ceremony is taking place at their house. **Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC**

'Man-Eating Super Croc'

REALITY. What sounds like a Syfy Original Movie is actually a real-life chronicle of one team's hunt for a creature that has been terrorizing a Philippine village. **8 p.m., Animal Planet** ● AMBER RAY

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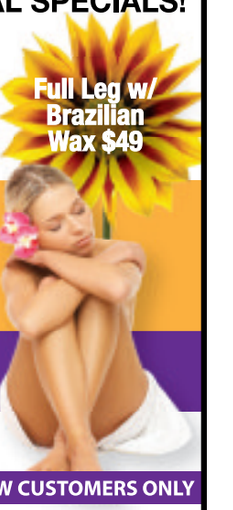

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Called "My Last Wish," the app encourages users to post wishes on a "Wish Wall" and then befriend others who might share their dreams.

"I believed in the possibility that there can be two persons in this world with the same hopes, dreams and wishes," Kirtan Thaker, co-founder of the White Lotus Corporation, the group behind the app, told Mashable. "I was confident that if we create a app where this possibility can be turned into reality, people will love this concept and they will get a chance to make friends who are unknown but [have] just one thing in common, which is the last wish."

When sharing a wish, users can also choose to attach their e-mail address or phone number so others that share their dream can connect with them.

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Tapping on a person's contact information within the app will add their information to the contacts list in your phone. You can also receive push notifications when people add wishes to the wall.

A palm icon appears beside wishes, allowing you to "aLike" a wish you share.

While definitely a little morbid, and certainly out of the ordinary, the app already has a little bit of a following. Posted wishes range from things such as traveling the world to writing a book. Thaker says that the ultimate goal behind the app is to help people make friends that share similar hopes and dreams — or even help someone potentially find his or her soul mate.

White Lotus plans to add a location-based feature to the app in the future to help you find people located physically around you, and if the iOS version of the app does well the company plans to release an Android version as well.

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According to Dr. Mehmet Oz, getting healthy isn't about living longer, it's about living and looking better today ▶ Some of his advice for a better you ▶ Plus: Rethink your grocery cart

Get your checkup: A staggering third of Americans skip their yearly health checkup. But thinking ignorance is bliss could really mess you up.

Being "too busy" is the most common excuse for failing to go to the doctor's, says Dr. Oz, but the truth is, people don't want to be inconvenienced with bad news. "Who wants to hear they have cancer? What people don't get is that a doctor is there to guide you to better health, not make you feel bad or embarrassed," he says. "They help you understand your health so you can prevent problems in the future. They have the tools to calculate key health indicators, including blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol levels," he continues.

Enlist your peers: Studies have shown that people who lost weight by engaging in group activities were more successful at keeping it off in the long term: "The moment you go public about your proclamation of health, you're holding yourself accountable," explains Dr. Oz. "Friends will be inspired by your achievements."

Watch your waist: "Waist size predicts the amount of fat inside the intestines; it should be no more than half your height. It's the most dangerous type of fat for your body. [Too much] can put pressure on the kidneys, which can then raise your blood pressure and can also poison the liver, leading to higher cholesterol levels and diabetes," Dr. Oz says.

Not on his list

The five foods to never load into your cart if you're trying to lose weight:

Simple sugars or carbohydrates: As these are rapidly absorbed into the blood stream, they cause a spike in your blood sugar levels, giving you a short-term energy. This then triggers an insulin reaction, leaving you feeling tired and hungry.

Ingredients you can't pronounce: If you can't pronounce the first five ingredients, put that food down.

Foods with deceptive labels, like "low in fat": They've had to make up for the lack of flavor somehow, and that somehow is heaps of sugar and salt.

Canned foods high in sodium: Many canned foods are so full of salt they can contain more than half the daily recommended intake. Too much in your diet can lead to high blood pressure.

Fried foods: Frying food dramatically increases the fat content, as oil is absorbed into whatever it is you have cooked.

His shopping list

Add these to your shopping list for a health boost:

- **Broccoli:** The ultimate green superfood cleanses the liver and helps fight off cancer.
- **100 percent whole grain bread:** Who says you have to give up carbs? This is a great way to get in fiber, which makes you feel full and reduces the risk of colon cancer.
- **Milk:** The perfect way to get your daily calcium dose — unless you are lactose intolerant. Choose 2 percent — it tastes the same as full-fat and also has less sugar.
- **Nuts:** Almonds, walnuts and cashews are full of omega-3s and encourage smart snacking.
- **Green tea:** It boasts antioxidants and contains low levels of caffeine, so it won't make you feel hyperactive.
- **Quinoa:** The super grain is rich in fiber and protein. It also happens to be gluten-free.
- **Fruits and vegetables:** Eat unlimited amounts, as they contain a multitude of vitamins and minerals only found in natural foods.

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In the kitchen with Teresa Giudice

Teresa Giudice, the table-flipping Italian matriarch of "The Real Housewives of New Jersey," has just released her third cookbook, "Fabulicious: Fast & Fit." We chatted with the TV star and mom of four about serving up Italian specialties without the guilt.

▶ Teresa Giudice's cookbook, "Fabulicious: Fast & Fit," is available now.

When we think of Italian food, we often think of heavy dishes. What are your tricks for lightening them up?
The key to a lot of it is baking and not frying. One of my favorites, I'll tell you, is the chicken bruschetta. That's [cooked] in the oven. I have a fettuccine carbonara in my book just using eggs and egg whites instead of the heavy cream.

How do you stay in shape?
Everyone's always [telling] me "you look amazing." They love my arms! My thing is, of course, just eat healthy, but you also have to exercise, and I think that keeps your heart healthy and it makes you look great also. My husband and I go to the gym together and this is the thing: You don't always do the same thing. You have to mix it up. I never do the same thing because then your body gets used to it and you don't see any change. Sometimes I use the machines, sometimes I use free weights, I do boxing, I do TRX.

The new Frankel?

So are you trying to be the next Bethenny Frankel with these low-fat recipes?
Well, my first cookbook was "Skinny Italian," and I think that was even before she even came out with Skinnygirl Margarita. I wasn't copying off of her or anything. If anything, you know, "Skinny Bitch" has been around so long. My thing is, everyone always would tell me "you're a skinny Italian," so that's where I got "Skinny Italian" from.

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American evolution is a real brain drain

I've just visited the Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., which has an excellent display on human origins. Many Americans need to visit that museum urgently. That so many of us deny evolution and believe in astrology merely shows how close to the Dark Ages we really are. If nearly half the population rejects the most basic scientific discoveries of the past 500 years, I wonder how many of them believe in gravity or Earth's motion around the sun. This has a practical effect. It means that percentage of people cannot work in any of the natural sciences. The collective brain-power of the United States is running at half-speed.

DARRELL SCHWEITZER, VIA E-MAIL

We must stand together, or alone

RE: "SOCIAL COMPACT WITH GRANDPARENTS DENIED": Mr. Charlesworth, I just have one question for you: Why should young people care about the health care, earned or not, of old people if old people don't care about the health care of young people? We need to think as ourselves as citizens who all need health care equally; till then everyone will — little by little — lose.

SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

I'm with Booker: Romney not viable

I stand with Cory Booker! Not in the manipulative, cynical way the GOP would hope, but with the way Mayor Booker and President Obama stand. There's nothing wrong with private equity, but there's more to providing opportunity to the whole country than Mitt Romney's experience can offer.

SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

Race and sexuality are no bedfellows

RE: "DISTURBING TO SEE PRIDEFUL HATRED": How come when people of any other race express their political or moral beliefs they are not seen as prideful, but as expressing their American viewpoint. But when a black person doesn't agree with "the norm," they are considered religious and not recognizing their history. Well, I have one thing to say to this: Black people know where we came from and where we are going. Nothing is equal. So if we wanna protect the one thing that is the norm — marriage — then so be it.

NICOLE PEARSALL, VIA E-MAIL

In response to the letter-writer who finds it disturbing and hypocritical to hear some black people say that marriage should be between a man and a woman, let me enlighten you a bit. This wasn't a black people idea. This was God's idea. I am a black man 24/7 and I can't change that. I have known gay people who decided that they weren't gay anymore. I wish I could flip-flop with my race, but I can't.

CARLOS SWABY, VIA E-MAIL

Bush lied about costs of US wars

RE: "JUDGING BUSH: DID HE TANK ECONOMY?": The major reason the federal deficit ballooned in the past few years is that the costs of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars were "off budget" during the entire tenure of the Bush administration. We may never know the full financial cost.

KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Co-workers who usually back your intentions when it comes to career matters may be nowhere to be found when you need their allegiance most.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You should give your utmost attention to your duties and responsibilities. If you try to sweep things under the rug, all that'll result will be large lumps that will surely trip you up.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Be smart and avoid all forms of speculative involvements. Be especially careful not to gamble on the abilities or talents of another. It's tough enough taking a chance on your own situation.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It's important to weigh all sides of an important issue. Yet if you're unduly analytical, you might be crippled or defeated by your own indecisiveness.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Even though you're a creative person, it's still important to follow productive methods. Be careful not to go to such extremes that you stray from a solid path.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Sometimes the best foods aren't necessarily found in establishments that have the most expensive menus. If you are out wining and dining, keep this in mind.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Try not to turn your home into a military camp. If you make the rules too tough or rigid, the troops will eventually rebel.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**. If some of your co-workers have been doing things that bug you or make you feel uncomfortable lately, this might not be the best day to bring it up. It could be smarter to keep mum for the nonce.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Being in the company of those who can afford to spend lavishly might leave you at odds with your wallet. Don't make the mistake of trying to operate on a high-society budget.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Unless you are of singular purpose, certain objectives that you hoped to get done won't be accomplished. Attempting several jobs simultaneously could cause you to cross wires.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You'll know what is expected of you, yet you simply might not want to comply. However, guard against any inclination to pass the buck, because it will come back to haunt you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** This isn't going to be one of your better days for handling your personal resources or, as a matter of fact, the resources of others. Be especially careful in all financial situations.

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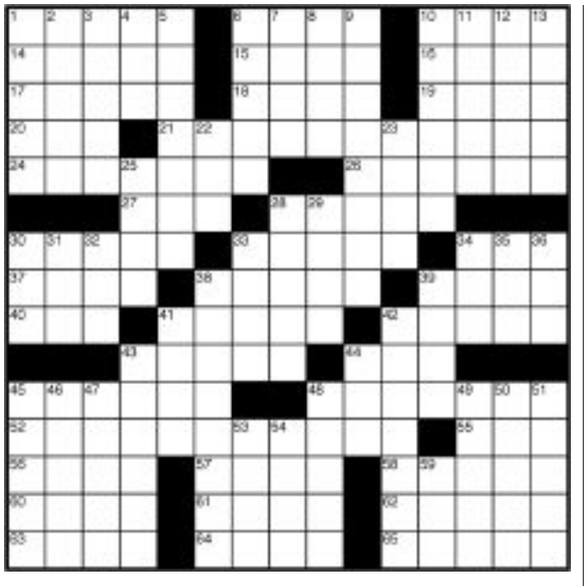

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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SHOUT AT THE DEVILS

Talk after an ugly Game 4 centers on squabbles between teams, coaches Both Rangers, Devils focusing on moving past hatred Tortorella more concerned about lack of offense

The hostilities that had simmered for the first three games of the Eastern Conference finals finally escalated to outright conflict Monday night.

Yet the Rangers and Devils both say what took place is history as both teams head into tonight's Game 5 at the Garden with the series tied 2-2.

"I don't think it's anything I need to let go or our team needs to let go," said Mike Rupp, who was involved in a notable skirmish when he took a shot at Martin Brodeur, after practice yesterday.

Although the Devils were off yesterday, Travis Zajac, Zach Parise, Martin Brodeur, Bryce Salvador and coach Pete DeBoer spoke with reporters.

Ryan McDonagh fought Adam Henrique in the first period, and Stu Bickel and Ryan Carter each earned 10-minute misconducts late in the game following Rupp's jab to Brodeur. Ilya Kovalchuk and Ryan Callahan exchanged punches and shouts during a scrum in the second period that saw both assessed with roughing minors.

"We play each other so often and every game is a war against those guys," Zajac said "So it's easy to get emotionally involved in playing these guys. For me it was the first year. You have your leaders like Marty and Patty [Elias] and those guys and see how they compete against that team. It makes it easy to, like you said, get involved and hate that team."

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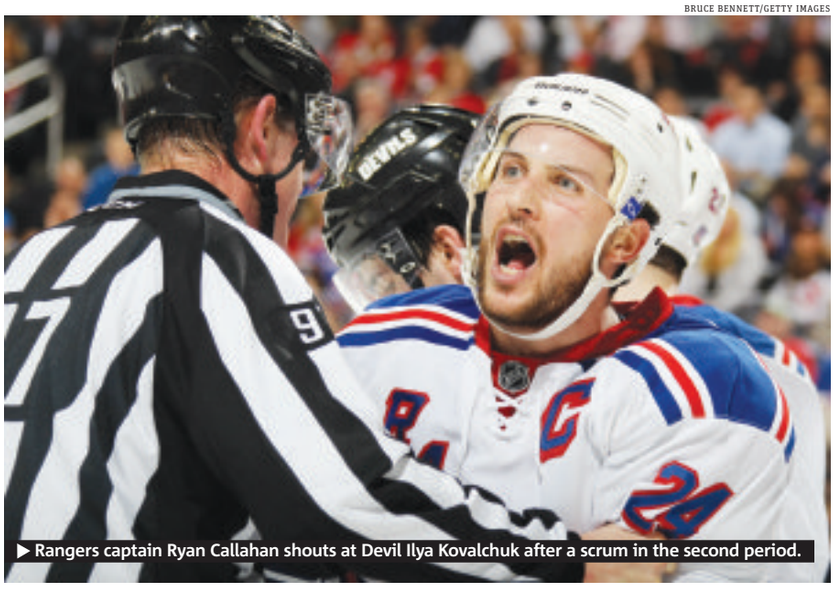

▶ Rangers captain Ryan Callahan shouts at Devil Ilya Kovalchuk after a scrum in the second period.

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Rangers 'pray' for offense

The Rangers' top-six forwards are going to need to contribute offensively for the franchise to advance to its first Stanley Cup finals appearance in 18 years. Marian Gaborik, Derek Stepan and Carl Hagelin do not have a point in this series, while Brad Richards has zero goals.

"Pray," Rangers coach John Tortorella said when asked what could be done about the top-six forwards' lack of production. "I don't know what else to tell you. We're going to keep on trying to play, pray and hopefully something good happens to them.

"We don't have the puck enough. Jersey has [had] the puck a lot more minutes than we do. I think that's something we need to try to change," Tortorella said. "I think it's tactical, execution [and] willingness." **METRO/DG**

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▶ Angel returns with Chivas USA to face New York at 7 p.m. on MSG+.

Angel returns to face his former club

Former New York forward Juan Pablo Angel, a consummate professional in his time with the club, marks his return to Red Bull Arena tonight, this time with Chivas USA.

Angel was the second ever designated player signed by the Red Bulls, the mechanism commonly referred to as the "David Beckham Rule," which allows MLS teams to sign marquee names.

"I loved my time here. I have a lot of respect for the fans, that they embraced me and treated me well right from the beginning. I come in now with a different badge on my chest," Angel said. "It's emotional."

Angel came to the league with a strong pedigree in England's Premier League and a record of scoring goals for his country, but he never rested on his laurels. Instead, he became team captain through his tireless work and production on the field.

"If you came here at 8:30 and we have training at 10 or 10:30, Juan was already in the gym sweating, and working out," Thierry Henry said. "That's him. He does the same thing on holiday. That's the type of person he is."

It was his constant passion that quickly won over the fans.

"I honestly don't know what is going to be the reception, but the one thing I can tell you is that I have a lot of respect and appreciation for what they did for me," Angel said. "They welcomed me with open arms." KRISTIAN DYER

Girardi won't crack under media scrutiny

Questions mount over Yankees' offensive struggles But don't expect their manager to flip any tables, curse out players Owners not worried

If you are expecting Yankees manager Joe Girardi to flip over a food table, fling a bat or do anything in a demonstrative way to express his frustration, it isn't going to happen.

Girardi has always displayed an even-keeled and optimistic approach. When he was addressing the Yankees' current hitting struggles, that's exactly how he handled the topic.

"You might have a few more conversations with players when they're struggling," he said. "I'm not a guy that's going to turn over a table. I'm not a guy who's going to jump on a table when we win either and do a dance.

"That's not who I am. I've found managers that have that pretty constant personality are the ones that get the most out of their players."

That also seems to be the tact taken by the ownership of Hal Steinbrenner, a far cry from when his father George Steinbrenner would publicly admonish struggling players.

The most communication Girardi has had from ownership was a few text messages from Felix Lopez, Yankees executive vice president, that included some congratulations about Andy Pettitte's first win since his return.

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▶ Girardi has been peppered with questions about the team's struggles, but never loses his cool.

10 The Yankees have lost 10 of the 18 games they've played since Rivera was injured.

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Rivera waits on surgery

The crutches were gone, but the limp was still there for Mariano Rivera, who is still awaiting surgery on his torn ACL.

It has been nearly three weeks since Rivera suffered the injury shagging fly balls in batting practice. He has yet to have the procedure because the blood clot still exists.

Rivera is working on getting the knee stronger through various motion exercises while taking blood-thinning medication. Although it might seem frustrating to have not had the procedure yet, Rivera does not see it that way and remained upbeat.

"It's not frustrating, because you can't do anything about it," Rivera said. METRO/LF

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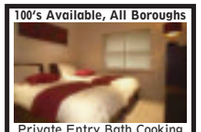
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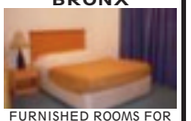
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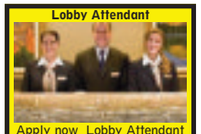
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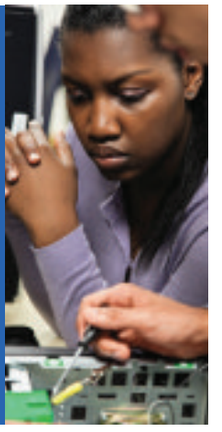

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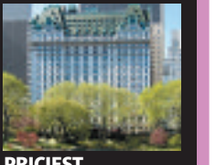

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Make a bio for your pet — seriously!

Your pet may not be applying for a lease anytime soon, but he or she can help you land yours. The first step, as silly as it may sound, is to gather recommendation letters.

"You want to gather references for your pet: Your pet is well behaved, you take care of your pet, your pet doesn't run rampant all over the city," Bradbury says. "It shows the landlord you're coming into that you've taken care of your pet and people like you."

For references, hit up your landlord, your vet and a neighbor who lived directly above or below you. A note from a daytime caregiver can work on two levels. "Something that shows [you] can afford to have a dog walker helps a lot," Bradbury adds.

Gather any certificates of completed training, and then put everything together with a cover page that boasts a cute picture of your furry friend.

How to find a pet-friendly pad in the city

TREVOR WILLIAMS

▶ Before she started working at Citi Habitats, Bradbury (here with Chappie), was a clown for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus!

If you can't imagine moving into your new digs without Fifi or Fido along for the ride, Citi Habitats agent Donna Bradbury, who has placed a number of clients interested in buying or renting a pet-friendly apartment in the city, has some advice on just how to do it — and yes, it can be done.

"Having a pet in Manhattan is sort of a privilege, kind of like driving," she says. "You have to take good care of it. Nine times out of 10, if you fit that bill you're gonna find a very nice apartment."

Read on for her expert tips.

Know the rules: "If you're looking to rent, it's much more important that the policies in the building are acceptable to you. If you're looking to buy, usually buildings are a smidgen more lenient on their pet policies — because as a generality, people who own take better care of their properties than people who rent," Bradbury says. And do your homework: "Most buildings are case-by-case on pets, and some have restrictions on size, so you really want to know the building before you go to the trouble of apply and view there. You can get info on pet-friendly apartments via your local ASPCA, vet's office, pet store or even a quick Google search of the building.

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DONNA BRADBURY

Be realistic about his or her needs: "You want to know your pet. Like, if you have a pet that gets a little jumpy with sound, you really don't want to be in the front of the building, right on the street, because that pet's gonna get nervous every time something jumps," Bradbury says. "Or right by the door, the top of the staircase — you want to maybe go to the back of the building, not right in front of anything that's gonna jar the dog repeatedly."

Beyond cats and dogs

What if you have an unusual pet, like a snake?

"Be up front and honest, because you don't want to move into a place and then have a problem. Some buildings don't like fish tanks because they might break [and then] you have a flood. Snakes really aren't too much trouble; it's more of a problem with ferrets or pet rodents. You want to just really find a [suitable] place, because our pets are parts of our family."

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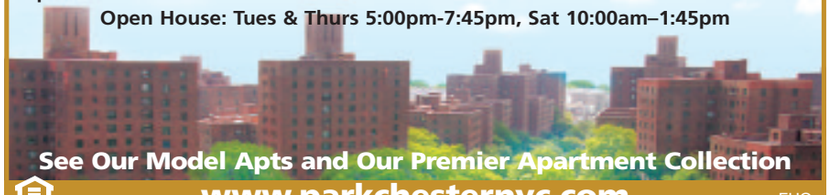

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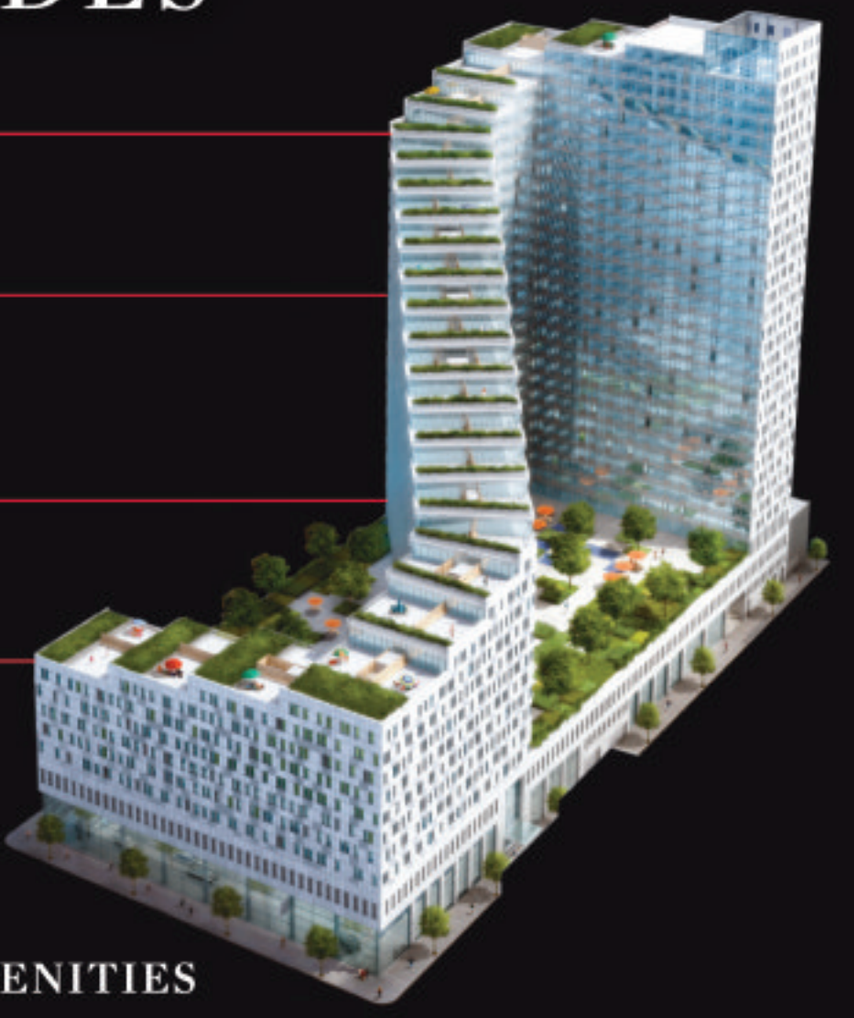

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